







THE EDITOR
MIGHT REMEMBER
SOMETHING HE
FORGOT TO SAY
AND TURN BACK!

LET'S
GIVE IT
TEN MORE
MINUTES...

MR.
MONCOY



TEN MINUTES
LATER...



OKAY,

YOU
CAN COME
OUT NOW,
KIMCOY



OKAY, YOU
CAN GET YOUR
FRIENDS OUT OF
THOSE BOPS NOW!

MR.
MONCOY



REALLY,
MR.
MONCOY?

LET'S
GO!

EVERYONE
READY??

**BUT THE 16TH
WAS THE NIGHT
OF SHOGAKUKAN'S
ANNUAL YEAR-
END PARTY!!**

**THE
DEADLINE
IS 9:00 AM,
DECEMBER
17TH!!**

**THEY AB-
SOLUTELY
HAD TO GO!**

**OR MORE
LIKE, THEY
WANTED
TO GO!!**

**Episode 8:
CRASHING THE END OF THE YEAR PARTY**



Year-End Party Starts



Estimated

Year-End Party
Closing Time

10 Hours



Breakfast

**IF
WE MAKE
IT BACK
BY 11, AND
DRAW EACH
PAGE IN A
LITTLE UNDER
AN HOUR,
WE CAN
MAKE IT
BY NINE!
PIECE OF
CAKE!!**

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**HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH!**

**WE HAVE
12 BLANK
PAGES, AND
10 HOURS
LEFT!**

**THE
YEAR-
END
PARTY
!!**

GRAND PARADISE HOTEL



THERE'S EVEN
A RAFFLE FOR
A LASERDISC!

AFTER ALL, THE PARTY
IS FILLED WITH FAMOUS
ARTISTS WHEREVER YOU
GO, AND HOTEL FOOD IS
AVAILABLE FOR FREE!

IT IS THE
GREATEST
ANNUAL EVENT
FOR A MANGA
ARTIST!



I
COULDN'T
LIVE

ANOTHER
YEAR!



IF I
MISSED
THIS
PARTY...



HIS
REVEN-
GE!!

THIS
IS...

BUT THIS
TIME HE'S
TAKING
NOT JUST
THE STUFF,
BUT THE
PERSON,
TOO!



HE, HOWEVER,
USUALLY GOES TO
THE YEAR-END PARTY
ALONE, LEAVING HIS
ASSISTANTS BEHIND.



SOM...

HELLO? IS THIS
MONDO? WE WERE ALL
LOOKING FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU HERE,
TOO! BUT YOU
COULDN'T MAKE IT.

MONDO NOTED
ONE YEAR AGO



HE
AL-
WAYS
IT



THIS IS HIS REVENGE
FOR LAST YEAR,
WHEN HE WAS SO
HARD-PRESSED BY
WAKU. HE COULDN'T
MAKE IT TO THE
YEAR-END PARTY!!



IT'S
PER-
FECT
IT

IT'S A
PERFECT
REVENGE



AND THIS
YEAR, HE'S
EVEN PUSHING
AN URGENT
DEADLINE
ASIDE...





OH NO!

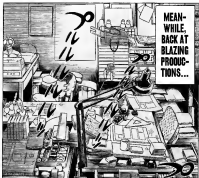






**SHE CAME TO
MY WORKPLACE
SAYING SHE
WAS A HONOO
MOYURU FAN!!**

**B-BUT I'VE
NEVER SEEN
HER CRY LIKE
THIS BEFORE!!**



**MEAN-
WHILE,
BACK AT
BLAZING
PRODUCTIONS...**

**THE OFFICE WAS
EMPTY, WITH ONLY
A RINGING PHONE
ECHOING SORROW-
FULLY IN THE
SILENCE...**







ONLY
10 HOURS
REMAINED
UNTIL THE
DEADLINE.

MEAN-
WHILE, AT
BLAZING
PROPO-
TIONS.

(AFTER-
PARTY)

BACK AT THE
YEAR-END
PARTY....

HE'D BE ABLE
TO FINISH A
PAGE EVERY
HOUR AT HIS
USUAL PACE!

HOW-
EVER!

BOHOS
MOYURI
REALIZED
WHAT A BIG
MISTAKE
HE'D MADE.

WAAA
AAAA
HEH
HAH
HAH!

UWA
AAH
AAH
AAH!

WAAAAH
HAAAAH
HAAAAH
HAAAAH

ANOTHER ASSISTANT
WAS DEPRESSED BECAUSE
HE DIDN'T WIN THE
LASERDISC IN THE
RAFFLE.

HONDO'S ASSISTANTS
WERE DRINKING UNTIL
THEY WERE RED IN THE
FACE, RIGHT BEFORE
HIS EYES!!



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DO NOT
FRANK...
HONDO
ADVISED
IT

IF YOU
LOVE YOUR
GOOD WORK
YOU WILL
BE LOST
ON A ROAD

D-
SHOULDN'T WE
NEED TO GET
GOING BACK
TO THE
OFFICE?

TYPE
HONDO!



WE'VE GONE
WAY CHEATING
BY NOW!



**LET'S
GO!!**

ALAAAAAAAAAHHH!!



**AS LONG
AS THE
MANUSCRIPTS
ARE DONE BY
8:00, WE ARE
FREE TO USE
THAT TIME
HOWEVER
WE PLEASE**

**THERE
ARE STILL
NINE HOURS
LEFT UNTIL
9:00!**

**BUT
DON'T
WORRY!**



**THERE
IS A
GOD!!**

**DO
NOT
FEAR!!**

AND
HONDO
HOTOBU.

SASAKI
THE EDITOR
CAME FOR THE
MANUSCRIPTS.

9:00 AM
GAME...

MEETING
GAME.



THE MANU-
SCRIPTS WERE
FINISHED TWO
HOURS LATER.
THE EDITOR
WAITED
PATIENTLY
FOR THE
MANUSCRIPTS.

Please
just give
me half
an hour!



I'm sorry!
Just
half
an hour!



WAS FINISHING UP
THE MANUSCRIPTS
IN TEARS, AS HIS
ASSISTANTS WERE
PASSED OUT ON
THEIR DESKS.

NOW IT WAS
TIME FOR HONDO
TO DRIFT INTO A
PEACEFUL SLEEP.



HE DID WHAT
HE COULD.

BURNING PEN

CHAPTER 8 PRESENTED BY HOKUTO NO GUN

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THE GUN WAS
EXPLODED
HELL... GIVE
I DON'T WANT
TO MEET YOU
EVER AGAIN.

READ THIS MANGA!!!!!!!!!!!!